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Attorney Docket **051726-0002**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: <b>Jonathan H. Bari et al.</b>	)	
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Application No. <b>09/759,225</b>	)	Group Art Unit: <b>2131</b>
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Filed: <b>January 16, 2001</b>	)	Examiner: <b>M. Vaughan</b>
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For: <b>Method and System for Secure Registration,</b>	)	
<b>Storage, Management and Linkage of Personal</b>	)	
<b>Authentication Credentials Data</b>	)	
<b>Over a Network</b>	)	

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131**

I, Scott R. Elkins, declare as follows:

1. I am a named co-inventor of the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application (Application 09/759,225).
2. The initial idea for the invention covered by Application 09/759,225 was developed by Jonathan H. Bari and me in late 1998 and early 1999 based in part on our like-minded and frustratingly ineffective approaches of using spreadsheets and sticky notes, for example, in our wallets and/or on our computer monitors, to manage our respective ever-growing list of account numbers, user names, passwords and personal identification numbers (PINs) to access various types of accounts and third party Web sites ("Market Need").
3. On or about January 14, 1999, Mr. Bari and I traveled together to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, for another matter, but during that car trip, we discussed the conception of the invention and how we could develop it to serve as the basis of a new business venture.
4. During the first and second quarters of 1999, Mr. Bari and I communicated often about addressing the Market Need with a software application that would serve as a "personal assistant portal" that encompasses the conception of the invention. This portal would be a Web-based service that would securely register, store, and/or manage the person's user names, passwords and PINs ("Authentication Credentials") for third party Web sites and applications and which would securely transport users' Authentication Credentials in order to link the person to and log the person onto third party Web sites and

applications that are networked through the Internet. At that time, the combination of my professional background in providing integrated security alarm services in the offline ("bricks and mortar") world and Mr. Bari's professional background in developing content, commerce and communications services for the nascent and rapidly evolving online medium, helped us develop the invention. This inventive process was a fluid and evolutionary developmental process.

5. In July 1999, I began helping Mr. Bari distill our various discussions and brainstorm into the initial draft Executive Summary for PinVault.com. In conjunction with the development of the invention, I also helped brainstorm with Mr. Bari the branding attributes of the www.pinvault.com Web site address which Mr. Bari registered with the registrar company, Register.com, on July 23, 1999, a copy of the registration was attached to Mr. Bari's earlier Declaration filed herein on November 19, 2004. This registered Web site contained the subject matter of pending claims in our patent application.

6. On July 20, 1999, I met with Mr. Bari to discuss in detail the development of PinVault.com as a business and web site operation related to the invention.

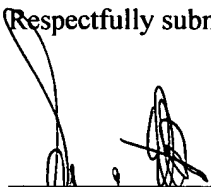
7. During the last couple of weeks in August 1999, I spoke with Mr. Bari on several occasions about the working draft of the PinVault.com Executive Summary and Presentations, which he had been developing, and which is attached hereto as Exhibits F, H, and I, respectively.

8. On November 3, 1999, I traveled with Mr. Bari to New York City, and along with Joshua Hartmann, the third co-named inventor on the above-referenced Application 09/759,225, had meetings including one with the law firm, Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner, about possible representation for our new venture which needed counsel on many services including: incorporation, protection of intellectual property, fund raising, etc.

9. In late November 1999, Mr. Bari showed me one of the first working prototype demos of the invention when it was developed. Attached as Exhibit Q is a page detailing information about this demo.

11. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Scott R. Elkins

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